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SUBJ: CSCE: INFORMATION - INTRODUCTORY TEXT

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1. THE BRITISH HAVE GIVEN US PRIVATELY THE FOLLOWING REVISED DRAFT
FOR INTRODUCTORY TEXT ON INFORMATION, WHICH THEY ARE CONSIDERING
SUGGESTING TO THE NATO CAUCUS: BEGIN TEXT:

THE PARTICIPATING STATES,

--CONSCIOUS OF THE NEED FOR AN EVER WIDER KNOWLEDGE
AND UNDERSTANDING WITHIN THEIR COUNTRIES OF THE VARIOUS
ASPECTS OF LIFE IN THE OTHER PARTICIPATING STATES,

--ACKNOWLEDGING THE CONTRIBUTION WHICH THIS PROCESS
CAN MAKE TO THE GROWTH OF CONFIDENCE BETWEEN THEIR
PEOPLES,

--RECOGNISING, IN THE SAME CONNECTION, THE IMPORTANCE
OF THE DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION FROM THE OTHER
PARTICIPATING STATES AND OF A WIDER AND FULLER
ACQUAINTANCE WITH SUCH INFORMATION,

--EMPHASISING THEREFORE THE ESSENTIAL AND INFLUENTIAL
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ROLE OF THE PRESS, RADIO, TELEVISION AND CINEMA AND OF

THE JOURNALISTS WORKING THESE FIELDS,
--TO THESE ENDS ESTABLISH IT AS THEIR OBJECTIVE TO
FACILITATE THE FREER AND WIDER DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION OF ALL KINDS; TO ENCOURAGE CO-OPERATION IN THE FIELD OF INFORMATION AND THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION WITH OTHER COUNTRIES; AND TO IMPROVE THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH JOURNALISTS FROM ONE PARTICIPATING STATE EXERCISE THEIR PROFESSION IN ANOTHER PARTICIPATING STATE,
--AND EXPRESS THEIR INTENTION IN PARTICULAR TO: END TEXT

2. WHILE THIS TEXT WOULD OBVIOUSLY BE A MAJOR STEP TOWARD SOVIET POSITIONS, WE BELIEVE IT ADEQUATELY AVOIDS THE MAJOR PROBLEMS OF THE SOVIET TEXT (REFTEL) AND WE WOULD PLAN TO SUPPORT IT IN THE CAUCUS AS FAR AS CONTENT IS CONCERNED. WE WOULD PREFER TO FOLLOW THE PREVAILING JUDGMENT AMONG THE FIFTEEN AS TO WHEN THE UK, AS WESTERN REPRESENTATIVE, SHOULD PRESENT THE TEXT TO THE SOVIETS.

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